

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed May 26, 2005. At the time of the Final Office Action, Claims 1-11 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-11 were rejected.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,571,234 issued to Timothy O. Knight et al. (“Knight”) in view of International Patent Application Publication No. WO 00/16209 by Michael Oliview (“Oliview”). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art combinations, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious.

Claims 1 and 7 (the independent claims) have been amended to recite additional features of the invention. The invention of Claims 1 and 7 is described throughout the patent application, but is best emphasized in Figures 10 and 11 and the text on pages 27-30. The features now recited in Claims 1 and 7 include a novel aspect of the text indexing server, in particular the manner in which it indexes both keywords and contact data in the archive database.

As has been previously explained, the archive database contains text documents from Internet discussion sites. These are not web pages. They are text documents, each authored by a participant of the discussion sites. For example, the text document might be a post or a reply on a Internet bulletin board.

The keyword indexing performed by the indexing server is based on the content of the documents in the data archive, in a manner similar to conventional search engines.

However, the contact data indexing is certainly not conventional. The contact data is a item of data, such as an email address or name, associated with a person who generated a document in the database.

This “dual indexing” permits two kinds of searches. One is a keyword search that looks at content of the documents. The other is a contact data search that looks at data associated with authors of the documents. Specific support for these features of Claims 1 and 7 is on page 28, lines 17-30.

The Examiner has not cited any prior art that has an archive database structured in this manner, or a text indexing server that performs these functions.

Related Applications and Terminal Disclaimer

As indicated on page 1 of the patent application, this patent application is related to several co-pending patent applications. Each is directed to different aspects of the various inventions and embodiments described in the respective patent applications.

As a convenience to the Examiner, a list of pending cases is attached to this Response. This list identifies features of the claims of each patent application and the relevant portions of the detailed description. Applicants emphasize that this list is provided as an aid to the Examiner, and is not intended as a basis for claim interpretation.

Applicants submit with this paper, a Terminal Disclaimer, to avoid any double-patenting type rejections.

Change of Correspondence Address

Applicants respectfully request that all papers pertaining to the above-captioned patent application be directed to Customer No. 31625 and all telephone calls should be directed to Ann C. Livingston at 512.322.2634.

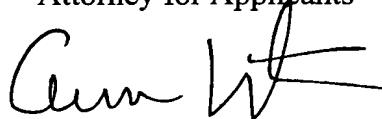
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims as amended.

Applicants enclose a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, and a check in the amount of \$225.00 for the extension fee. Applicants also enclose a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and a check in the amount of \$395.00 for the RCE fee. Applicants believe there are no additional fees due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2634.

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